

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the media, they make choices which positively affect their own bottom line and thereby depriving us of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at a remote "News Central", it's imperative that we see the real people from our own communities and more substantive news about the issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the mere act of returning a postcard is not sufficient in the license renewal process.
Thank you.